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DRBC Toxics Advisory Committee -- link to my PFC presentation from June 2013 is posted here:  
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Thank you for calling this afternoon.

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**From:** Gould, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 2:03 PM  
**To:** Escobar, Leah  
**Subject:** RE: Perfluoro compounds

Leah,

Thank you for getting back to me. I also wrote to Elena as I didn't know who would be in the office today. I'll phone at 2:30. Meanwhile, attached are the Bradley Campbell letter and a Fact Sheet on perfluorononanoic acid prepared by NJDEP.

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**From:** Escobar, Leah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 11:51 AM  
**To:** Gould, Stephen  
**Cc:** Vaouli, Elena  
**Subject:** RE: Perfluoro compounds

Hi Steve,

I am available this afternoon to discuss the petition ATSDR has received regarding PFNA in drinking water in Paulsboro and how the petition process works at ATSDR. Please feel free to call me at 732-906-6932, anytime after 1pm, today.

Also, Elena Vaouli is part of my staff. I understand you emailed her the same query.

Is it possible to share the letter Bradley Campbell sent to EPA?

Thank you,  
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**From:** Gould, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 7:51 AM  
**To:** Escobar, Leah  
**Subject:** Perfluoro compounds

Dear Ms. Graziano,

EPA is responding to a letter from former NJDEP Environmental Commissioner Bradley Campbell about what EPA is doing to conduct the necessary toxicity testing to come up with a Health Advisory or MCL for the perfluoro compounds PFOA, PFOS and PFNA. He is writing on behalf of citizens in the Borough of Paulsboro (Gloucester County, NJ) who have 0.14 ppb of perfluorononanoic acid(PNA) in their water supply. I understand that ASTDR has become involved in health studies pertaining to this problem.

May I speak with you or with one of your staff later today about what exactly ASTDR plans to look at? Will you be doing any testing of blood and tissues in workers at Solvay Solexis or at DuPont's Deepwater plant?

Sincerely,

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